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1. KK's info was wrong and he offered no solution -- consistent with his reputation of seeking publicity without responsibility.
2. Dooley: "Trust everyone -- but ~~not~~ the cards." (C T)
3. Too delicate for hypothetical or speculative questions -- or political exploitation -- or not in a position to comment on that.
4. Concentrate now on implementing letters of Oct. 27 and 28 -- then turns to other matters.
5. MRBM could be set up on a prepared base in a matter of hours. Photographs of several hours difference show this.
6. Bad weather, cloud covers and Hurricane Ella postponed key flight until Oct. 14 -- until then, we would have acted without proof.
7. The definitive briefing of the President did not take place until Sunday, October 21. Info incomplete before then.
8. Time Magazine pictures indicate that earliest pictures showed little, earlier pictures would have shown nothing.
9. Not discussing numbers of any weapons.
10. Helpful: UN (bond issue), OAS (Alliance for Progress), Allies (trade bill), others (Peace Corps,
11. Surveillance in a variety of ways maintained all summer and fall -- a massive and successful effort to get all the facts -- meanwhile President warned Soviets.
12. Refugee reports -- even though often unreliable, unable to distinguish SAM from MRBM -- were all checked out, despite inconsistency with Soviet policy.
13. Anyone who charges John McCone with keeping information from the President or the President with keeping information from the people had better be prepared with proof.

14. Caution and thanks, not crowing or exultation. Not victory for U.S., but for peace and world.
15. Couldn't charge deceit or alarm public on basis of rumors and unconfirmed reports.
16. Cooly warned on September 13 we would take whatever measures were necessary -- did so when evidence at hand -- eliminated threat and increased prestige.
17. Soviets moving in in 1959-60, but all <sup>has</sup> ~~we~~ did was reduce sugar quota, then cut off most exports in October, and ended relations in January, 1961.
18. Nixon in August of 1960 said toppling Castro was "simply out of the question."